

# Willaston Primary School

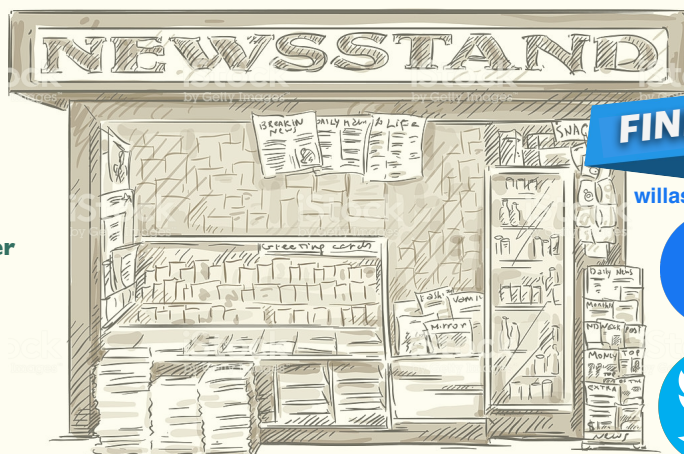
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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## NEWSLETTER JULY 2023

### Dates for Your Diary

- 21.07.23 End of Summer Term
- 06.09.23 School opens to all children
- 13.09.23 Swimming lessons commence (Details will be confirmed)
- 20.10.23 School closes for half-term

**This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our school shows a live calendar of events - check it out**

### FREE LUNCH

The following are links for 2023/2024 Free School meals application forms.

<https://www.gov.uk/categories/education-training-and-careers/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-free-school-travel-application-form>

<https://www.gov.uk/media/34660/free-school-meals-travel-joint-application-form-2023-24.pdf>

### Message from Mr Kelly

We usually publish monthly newsletters on the first Friday of a month, but in July we'll publish on the last day so that we can capture all of our end-of-term messages and make sure you are furnished with all the information you need about activities which are available throughout the Summer Holidays. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge "thank you" to everyone at Willaston School - certainly to the kids who have welcomed me with smiles and warmth; to the parents who have been kind to say "hello" each morning, and come in to see me if they have matters to raise; to the staff and governors who have worked with me so positively; and to the wider community - people like Mr Michael and PC Lou; David Ashford and John Wannenburg; and the ESC staff and Jane / Pete in Breakfast Club - who have been both supportive and helpful as I have got to grips with the job. Without a doubt, Willaston School is a very special place to have the privilege to turn up to each day. In my first two terms here I've seen first hand some of the best teaching, pastoral care and support that I've ever come across in my whole career. I'm sure you already know how fortunate you are to be a part of such a caring and effective school - and I'm happy to endorse it as one of the very best. Finally, special personal thanks from me to Mrs Slater and Mrs Lace, the two colleagues I have really leaned on during my first two terms, and to my predecessor Mrs Burton for leaving me an excellent school to look after. I wish everyone a lovely summer break - relax, unwind, spend as much time together as possible - and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 6th September.

With very best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher

Don't forget to keep up to date with Willaston School. You can find us on Facebook & follow us on Twitter! Our website is regularly updated too, including a live calendar of events and dates for your diary!

Good luck to all of our Year 6s who are leaving us today! We are all proud of you!

To that end, from September there will be some changes to Breakfast Club that I'd like to explain:

### School Uniform Change -

#### Reminder

The senior leadership team together with the school governors would like to update our uniform policy from September 2023 in respect of our polo shirts. Currently any colour polo shirt can be worn, but in order to smarter up our collective appearance and instil a pride in a single uniform it has been decided that red polo shirts will form the "official" uniform.

Any children new to the school in September or thereafter will be directed to wear red polo shirts. The current school population are encouraged to wear red polo shirts from September, but we recognise that some families may have existing uniform in other colours which still fits - therefore a transition period will be in place from September allowing children to get wear out of existing uniform whilst transitioning to red only from January 2024. Polo shirts can be unbranded.

#### Mr Ledger

Mr Ledger has secured a promotion and will be leaving us today to take up a new post at Manor Park School as Manager of the SPC. We wish Mr Ledger all the best - and look forward to welcoming him back in September for a special assembly to mark his departure.

#### Reports

A reminder for parents / carers to sign and return a copy of their child's end-of-year report. September is fine if you haven't had chance this term!

- Breakfast Club will now take place in the mobile building that used to be home to the Reception Class.
- This new "home" for Breakfast Club is self-contained with its own kitchen area, toilets and spaces for children to take part in morning activities.
- Children will need to be registered for Breakfast Club in advance - this will help us manage our numbers and know which children to expect on which days. Numbers will be limited to a safe amount in line with the levels of staffing.
- If you'd like your child to attend Breakfast Club on a particular day then please drop an email to Mrs Slater giving your child's name and the days of the week you'd like them to attend Breakfast Club. We will confirm places with you at the beginning of September.
- A waiting list will be maintained for any children we cannot accommodate due to numbers, with places offered on a first come/first served basis - so get your email applications sent in quickly!
- Children will have to pay £1.50/day towards the cost of Breakfast Club. This will be recorded each day. Children who do not make regular payments will lose their place.
- If you feel your child should be offered a free place, please include this in your email to Mrs Slater to register a place and we will consider your case and let you know.
- From September, children will have to be brought to Breakfast Club by an adult - we will no longer accept children who arrive on their own. There will be a sign in system which will require an adult to hand their child over to our care.
- Breakfast Club will operate from 8am from September, with breakfast served until 8.35am.

Breakfast Club will continue to operate as it currently does for the beginning of September, with the changes outlined above gradually coming into effect over the first half-term. We are not going to make sweeping changes overnight, but I did want to give you the "heads up" that these changes will be phased in from Sept.



**YOUNG ENGINEERS**



**Every Wednesday  
9am-3:30pm**

**Trinity Methodist Church, Douglas**

**SUMMER**

**£35**

**STEM Club**

Book now: [www.iom/youngengineers.org](http://www.iom/youngengineers.org)



**Summer Holidays 2023**

**PLAYINGOUT**

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All ages and abilities welcome - just turn up and play  
**OPEN ACCESS POLICY** - children must be signed in and parent/carer for children under 8yrs should stay.  
Children are encouraged to manage their own **RISK**.

If you are unsure of your child's ability, we advise you to stay and support them  
Staff are **NOT** responsible for supervising children's return home.

Most venues do not have toilet facilities available!



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Week 4	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
Thurs August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Castletown	Marown school field
Fri August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ballasalla school field	Lesters Yard

Week 5	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
Mon August 21 <sup>st</sup>	-	Lesters Yard
Tues August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ballaugh Millenium Field	Ramsey Corronation Park
Wed August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kirk Michael school	Jurby school field
Thurs August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Laxey Glen	Andreas school
Fri August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Willaston school field	Lesters Yard

Week 6	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
Mon August 28 <sup>th</sup>	LY (SEN)	Lesters Yard
Tues August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Pt St Mary school	Foxdale School Playground
Wed August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Andreas School	Jurby school
Thurs August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Peel - Raggatt	Ramsey Coronation Park
Fri Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	Willaston School Field	Lesters Yard

Week 1	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
Tues July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Onchan (REC)	Laxey Glen
Wed July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ramsey Coronation Park	Jurby school
Thurs July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Castletown Poulson Park	Foxdale school
Fri July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lesters Yard	Peel (Raggatt)

Week 2	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
Mon July 31 <sup>st</sup>	-	Lesters Yard
Tues August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ballasalla school	Marown school
Wed August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kirk Michael school	Jurby school
Thurs August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pt St Mary School	Willaston school
Fri August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lesters Yard	Ballaugh

Week 3	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
Mon August 7 <sup>th</sup>	LY (SEN)	Lesters Yard
Tues August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Foxdale school	Andreas school
Wed August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Onchan (REC)	Jurby school
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Show Agricultural Show	
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Show Agricultural Show	

